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1. Königsbrück (A31)

Currently occupied only by a guard detail. A tank unit is expected soon. Work on the airfield within the training area has not been resumed.

2. Riesa (E81)

A tank unit, with 2,000-3,000 men, occupies the Mudler Barracks. Seven T-54's were seen parked in front of sheds.

5. Dresden (F19)

a. Radebeul barracks contain 1,000-1,500 tank troops, equipped with T-34 and JS types (JS number not given). Two officers' cars in the yard were [REDACTED] trucks within the same compound were in [REDACTED]

b. Klotzsche barracks are occupied by approximately 3,000 motorized rifle troops. EM were observed training with 76.2 and 85 mm AT guns. Vehicles entering the compound: [REDACTED]

c. Klotzsche airfield is occupied by fifty unidentified fighters and a few PO-2 aircraft. Some training flights were observed.

d. Uebigau's former communications barracks are held by an engineer unit equipped with 120-150 pontoons. A truck in the barracks yard

40 Ohrdruf (J15)

Approximately 200 men, commanded by a colonel, remained at Ohrdruf after the departure of large units in November 1948. During the first week of January 1949, 200 additional troops arrived, led by a major. It is said that the new arrivals constitute the advance party of some 20,000 troops scheduled to arrive during February.

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5. Chemnitz (K63)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

a. Ebersdorf, site of the former German 24th Communications Regiment Barracks, is occupied by young troops (aged 20-21), believed to be artillerymen, wearing black tabs/red piping. Officers also appear youthful. According to a barracks workman, these men arrived during late December 1948 and early January 1949. Rifle and 76.2 mm gun training sessions were observed. Vehicles in the compound: [REDACTED]

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b. Planitzstrasse Barracks, inside Chemnitz, have been repaired but are not occupied.

c. Kasberg residences have been evacuated to make room for higher staff officers, according to a city executive.

d. Siegmar (K55) also has been hit by evacuation orders affecting 500 apartments and the Rathaus. It is rumored that this section will be occupied by special troops from the Aue and Annaberg mining areas.

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